

The joint statement follows:

JOINT STATEMENT OF SENATOR STROM THURMOND, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE AND SENATOR SAM NUNN, RANKING MINORITY MEMBER

The Committee on Armed Services has reported favorably the nomination of Vice Admiral Joseph R. Prueher for promotion to the 4-star grade of Admiral, to serve as the Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

Admiral Prueher has had a distinguished career. He is a graduate of the Naval Academy (with distinction). As a naval aviator, he served in Southeast Asia aboard U.S.S. *Kitty Hawk*, as a naval flight instructor at the Naval Air Test Center in Patuxent River, Maryland, and as Executive Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy. More recently, he served as Commander, Carrier Group One in San Diego, CA, where he was responsible for training battle groups preparing to deploy to the Western Pacific and the Arabian Gulf. In this capacity, he led the development of Maritime Joint Forces Air Component Commander capabilities for the Pacific theater. Today, he serves as the Commander, U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean Sea and as the Commander of NATO's Striking and Support Forces Southern Europe. As Commander Sixth Fleet, he has directed the execution of the Navy and Marine Corps multi-mission role in the Adriatic Sea and former Yugoslavia in United States and allied operations in support of the United Nations. His awards include the Legion of Merit (three Gold Stars in lieu of subsequent awards), the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with two Gold Stars in lieu of subsequent awards.

From 1989 to 1991, he served as Commandant of Midshipman at the United States Naval Academy. During his period as Commandant, there was a well-publicized incident in which a female midshipman, Gwen Dreyer, was mistreated by her male colleagues. A number of the midshipmen involved in the incident were disciplined, though none were dismissed from the Academy. The responsibility for the investigation and action on the investigation was vested in the Superintendent of the Academy, Vice Admiral Virgil Hill. Admiral Prueher, as Commandant of Midshipmen, was in the chain of command, under which he exercised certain responsibilities with respect to the investigation and subsequent action.

On April 28, 1992, he was nominated for promotion. The Committee began its normal review process when matters of this nature are involved in a nomination. While the nomination was under review, the President withdrew a number of nominations on September 9, 1992, including the nomination of Admiral Prueher. The Committee understood this was as a result of changes in Navy personnel requirements, and to provide an opportunity for further review in the Executive Branch of the Prueher nomination with respect to the issues that had been identified.

On March 15, 1993, the President resubmitted the Prueher nomination for promotion to Rear Admiral. Over the next five months, the Committee reviewed the materials related to the manner in which the incident was handled at the Naval Academy, including the views of the Secretary of the Navy endorsing the nomination. A copy of the Secretary's letter is included at the end of this statement. On August 6, 1993, the Committee considered and favorably reported the nomination. The promotion to Rear Admiral was confirmed by the Senate on August 3, 1993. Rear Admiral Prueher was subsequently nominated for promotion to Vice Admiral on November 5, 1993. His nomination was favorably reported to the Senate on November 18, 1993, and was confirmed by

the Senate on November 19, 1993. The material concerning the Committee's previous consideration of the Prueher nomination is retained in the executive files of the Committee. It is available for review by any Senator upon request.●

THE SUCCESS OF FOREIGN AID

● Mr. SIMON. Mr. President, in March and April the organization World Neighbors will be featured in "The Quiet Revolution—An Approach to aid that works: This PBS series documents effective foreign aid programs." The series features six humanitarian aid programs where people are successfully breaking out of poverty and taking charge of their own destiny. The Quiet Revolution takes an emotional and personal view of how effective aid programs can transform lives. Instead of presenting the poor as anonymous victims, it shows them as they really are: intelligent and capable people wanting to solve their own problems. It is an image of poverty that has rarely been seen and capable of touching hearts and minds.

The Quiet Revolution was a dream of Jack Robertson, a man who shared a great deal in common with the people chronicled in the films. Mr. Robertson died shortly after the films were completed and faced incredible odds throughout the making of the series. Yet he was driven by persistent optimism and stubborn refusal to let anything stop him from sharing the series with the world.

I would like to commend the World Neighbors and Mr. Jack Robertson for their tireless efforts to make such a needed documentary.●

SALUTE TO BUD LEA

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I rise today to salute a prominent figure in Wisconsin sports journalism, Mr. Bud Lea. Much to my dismay and the dismay of his many fans, Bud recently announced his decision to retire. For his entire career, which has lasted 42 years, Bud Lea has followed sports for the Milwaukee Sentinel. During his many years with the Sentinel, which by the way is the longest tenure of any Sentinel employee, Bud has witnessed and written about some of the greatest moments in Wisconsin sports history. From the Milwaukee Braves 1957 World Series victory to the legendary Green Bay Packers World Championships of the late 1960's, Bud was there. From the Milwaukee Bucks NBA Championship in 1971 to Marquette University's NIT and NCAA championships in 1970 and 1977 respectively, Bud was there. Whether it was an Olympic Gold Medal for Bonnie Blair or Dan Jansen, or the University of Wisconsin, Bud's alma mater, winning the 1994 Rose Bowl, Bud was there.

The past 42 years have been good to Bud Lea, but they have been even better to those who have had the privilege to read his column. His straightforward

and often humorous column greeted all Wisconsin sports fans with an early morning recap of the day's sports news. With his retirement, Bud Lea, a native of Green Bay, has more than etched his name into the annals of Wisconsin sports history, he has become part of that history. Bud's retirement is well deserved, and I wish him, his lovely wife Filomena and his sons, Perry and Dean, well. Congratulations Bud Lea—dean of Milwaukee sports columnists and sports writers.●

THE DOLLAR'S DECLINE AS DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD

● Mr. SIMON. Mr. President, we are receiving regular reminders obliquely of the need for a balanced budget amendment.

In Sunday's Washington Post Jane Bryant Quinn's column ends with the words: "Big cuts in the federal deficit would improve confidence abroad. But Congress and the voters aren't there yet."

And in a column by Stan Hinden there is reference to Donald P. Gould, a California money manager of a mutual fund.

In the Hinden column, among other things, he says: "Gould noted that the global strength of the dollar has been slipping for 25 years—except for an upward blip in the early 1980's."

It is not sheer coincidence that for 26 years in a row we have been operating with a budget deficit.

Hinden also notes in his column:

Since 1970, the dollar has lost more than 60 percent of its value in relation to the German mark and has dropped almost 75 percent in relation to the Japanese yen. In 1970, it took 3.65 German marks to buy one U.S. dollar. As of last week, you could buy a dollar with only 1.40 marks.

I served in Germany in the Army after World War II, and I remember it took a little more than 4 marks to buy a dollar.

The Washington Post writer also notes:

Gould, who is president and founder of the Franklin Templeton Global Trust—which used to be called the Huntington Funds—is not optimistic about the dollar's future. He sees little chance that the United States will be able to solve the fiscal and economic problems that have helped the dollar depreciate.

We are getting that message from people all over the world.

I cannot understand why we do not listen.

Finally, Donald Gould is quoted as saying:

For the first time I am aware of, during a global flight to quality, that quality has been defined as marks and yen and not dollars.

I hope we start paying attention to this kind of information.●

IN MEMORY OF MATTHEW ELI PUCCIO

● Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, with much sorrow, I would like to tell the